

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 in Council Chambers at Village Hall, 2697 Sunnyside Road, Anmore, BC



MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillor Paul Weverink (Chair)
Mike Dykstra
Susan Mueckel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bruce Scatchard

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Weverink called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

2. ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Agenda be approved.”

Carried Unanimously

4. DELEGATIONS

(a) Tri-Cities Off Road Cycling Association (TORCA)

Steve Sheldon, Board Director, described that the association is a registered charity with a goal to be a voice for the mountain bike community within the tri-cities, as well as providing maintenance, advocacy and protection for trail networks. He further presented that TORCA is working with the provincial government on a section 57 agreement, to legitimize all trails on Crown land. He noted that the association has an agreement for trails in the City of Port Moody and that they have worked with the City of Coquitlam and Parks BC for trails located on Burke Mountain.

Mr. Sheldon reported that TORCA wishes to work with Anmore to learn what would add value for residents and provide access for people coming through Anmore.

Chair Weverink noted that trails were universally desired in Anmore at the time the Parks Master Plan was implemented.

Action item: Invite TORCA to the next meeting when all members are present, including Luke Guerin, Operations Superintendent, to continue discussions.

Action item: Invite Herb Mueckel to the next scheduled meeting to provide members with the history and context on trails in the area from his days involved with RAPP.

5. MINUTES

(a) Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on April 21, 2016

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Minutes of the Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting held on April 21, 2016 be adopted as circulated.”

Carried Unanimously

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nil

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nil

8. NEW BUSINESS

(a) Memorial Bench Program

Highlights of discussion regarding this matter are noted as follows:

- Possibly place community award winners or memorial benches at bus stop locations.
- Some municipalities offer memorial benches for purchase, with placement at a location for up to a 10-year term.

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the Village identify locations at bus stops and along community trails for bench locations, and give us a rough number to proceed with looking into a memorial bench program, charges, how many benches we could offer to people, then put it out to the community, and locate those benches in the areas that we identified.”

Carried Unanimously

(b) Adopt-A-Trail Program

Chair Weverink reported that many trails are deteriorating in the Village and he suggested initiating an Adopt-A-Trail Program for residents to take care of trails located on their property.

Action item: Ask Staff to research Adopt-a-Trail Programs in other municipalities and bring forward information for the Committee to review.

9. ADJOURNMENT

It was Moved and Seconded:

“That the meeting be adjourned.”

Carried Unanimously

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Certified Correct:

C. MILLOY

Christine Milloy
Manager of Corporate Services

Approved:

P. WEVERINK

Councillor Paul Weverink
Chair, Parks and Recreation Committee